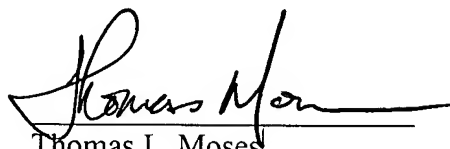


REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 1 for the purpose of clarifying the claims without narrowing them. Applicant has also added claims 41 – 108.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

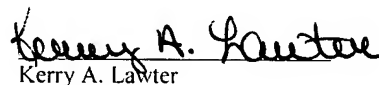


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